

Table 105. Property crimes, 1996:


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**Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police,
by race of head of household and type of crime**

Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
White					
Total	17,704,480	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	1,854,610	10.5	5.6	1.9 *	11.4
Private or personal matter	937,720	5.3	5.2	6.3 *	5.3
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	5,044,030	28.5	21.1	28.9	29.7
Not important enough	565,200	3.2	5.2	2.3 *	2.9
Insurance would not cover	336,010	1.9	2.1	4.1 *	1.8
Not aware crime occurred until later	949,200	5.4	8.4	7.7 *	4.8
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	1,142,710	6.5	6.2	0.6 *	6.6
Lack of proof	1,945,050	11.0	14.0	14.0	10.4
Police would not want to be bothered	1,365,090	7.7	7.8	6.7 *	7.7
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	531,390	3.0	5.2	3.8 *	2.6
Fear of reprisal	89,530	0.5	1.1	0.0 *	0.4
Too inconvenient or time consuming	497,910	2.8	2.6	1.9 *	2.9
Other reasons	2,446,040	13.8	15.5	21.9	13.4
Black					
Total	2,935,230	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	337,740	11.5	7.1	0.0 *	12.6
Private or personal matter	195,230	6.7	7.4	12.3 *	6.4
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	680,030	23.2	19.7	8.0 *	24.1
Not important enough	97,340	3.3	6.8	0.0 *	2.8
Insurance would not cover	43,880	1.5	1.0 *	3.7 *	1.5
Not aware crime occurred until later	137,500	4.7	8.9	3.3 *	4.0
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	180,450	6.1	5.3 *	0.0 *	6.4
Lack of proof	354,360	12.1	12.6	13.5 *	12.0
Police would not want to be bothered	212,760	7.2	8.8	9.8 *	6.9
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	103,350	3.5	5.4 *	8.5 *	3.1
Fear of reprisal	14,540 *	0.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.6 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	120,350	4.1	3.1 *	5.3 *	4.2
Other reasons	457,710	15.6	13.9	35.6 *	15.4

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Table 105. Property crimes, 1997:

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Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
White					
Total	16,434,940	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	1,799,720	11.0	5.3	4.8 *	11.9
Private or personal matter	833,220	5.1	5.6	7.2 *	4.9
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	4,512,970	27.5	22.2	24.5	28.3
Not important enough	605,910	3.7	4.5	2.6 *	3.6
Insurance would not cover	337,530	2.1	3.0	5.0 *	1.9
Not aware crime occurred until later	817,570	5.0	8.0	5.5 *	4.5
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	1,005,250	6.1	5.9	0.0 *	6.3
Lack of proof	1,780,900	10.8	13.9	8.9 *	10.4
Police would not want to be bothered	1,297,170	7.9	7.5	4.2 *	8.0
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	573,030	3.5	4.5	9.1 *	3.2
Fear of reprisal	120,890	0.7	1.8	0.9 *	0.6
Too inconvenient or time consuming	459,710	2.8	2.0	3.7 *	2.9
Other reasons	2,291,080	13.9	15.9	23.6	13.5
Black					
Total	2,890,790	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	313,710	10.9	7.4	6.5 *	11.5
Private or personal matter	170,450	5.9	5.7 *	7.4 *	5.9
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	689,370	23.8	24.3	17.0 *	24.0
Not important enough	122,010	4.2	3.7 *	4.1 *	4.3
Insurance would not cover	53,870	1.9	0.5 *	3.0 *	2.1
Not aware crime occurred until later	134,500	4.7	5.0 *	11.7 *	4.4
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	147,980	5.1	5.6 *	4.7 *	5.0
Lack of proof	332,940	11.5	18.8	16.6 *	10.2
Police would not want to be bothered	263,530	9.1	8.9	13.8 *	9.0
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	95,420	3.3	4.2 *	6.1 *	3.1
Fear of reprisal	25,820 *	0.9 *	1.8 *	3.1 *	0.7 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	80,910	2.8	0.7 *	0.0 *	3.2
Other reasons	460,270	15.9	13.3	6.0 *	16.6

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Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
White					
Total	15,049,230	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	1,509,970	10.0	6.1	2.9 *	10.8
Private or personal matter	823,900	5.5	6.2	10.4 *	5.3
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	3,920,210	26.0	19.5	23.6	27.2
Not important enough	558,190	3.7	4.7	5.3 *	3.5
Insurance would not cover	351,720	2.3	2.2	1.9 *	2.4
Not aware crime occurred until later	852,870	5.7	7.8	6.8 *	5.3
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	973,150	6.5	5.7	2.0 *	6.7
Lack of proof	1,687,320	11.2	16.3	6.2 *	10.4
Police would not want to be bothered	1,191,970	7.9	7.6	9.5 *	7.9
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	473,480	3.1	5.6	5.6 *	2.7
Fear of reprisal	99,430	0.7	1.2 *	0.9 *	0.6
Too inconvenient or time consuming	484,010	3.2	2.3	2.0 *	3.4
Other reasons	2,123,000	14.1	14.7	23.0	13.8
Black					
Total	2,428,300	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	283,540	11.7	6.3 *	14.5 *	12.6
Private or personal matter	126,530	5.2	3.2 *	0.0 *	5.7
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	505,020	20.8	21.7	16.7 *	20.7
Not important enough	59,010	2.4	5.2 *	10.9 *	1.8
Insurance would not cover	41,930	1.7	0.8 *	0.0 *	1.9
Not aware crime occurred until later	126,740	5.2	6.6 *	13.2 *	4.8
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	148,480	6.1	4.6 *	0.0 *	6.5
Lack of proof	299,340	12.3	11.0	13.2 *	12.6
Police would not want to be bothered	259,440	10.7	10.6	0.0 *	10.9
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	111,820	4.6	7.5	13.4 *	3.9
Fear of reprisal	9,660 *	0.4 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.5 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	66,560	2.7	1.5 *	0.0 *	3.0
Other reasons	390,240	16.1	21.0	18.2 *	15.1

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Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
White					
Total	13,555,190	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	1,455,330	10.7	7.4	2.9 *	11.3
Private or personal matter	581,590	4.3	5.0	4.2 *	4.2
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	3,549,930	26.2	21.6	17.8 *	27.0
Not important enough	478,920	3.5	4.0	3.1 *	3.5
Insurance would not cover	290,050	2.1	1.1 *	1.4 *	2.3
Not aware crime occurred until later	761,830	5.6	6.7	10.8 *	5.4
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	970,150	7.2	7.5	0.0 *	7.2
Lack of proof	1,655,010	12.2	17.4	15.8 *	11.4
Police would not want to be bothered	1,153,840	8.5	8.4	3.0 *	8.6
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	374,870	2.8	3.9	7.5 *	2.5
Fear of reprisal	81,370	0.6	1.6 *	0.0 *	0.5
Too inconvenient or time consuming	480,330	3.5	2.5	7.0 *	3.7
Other reasons	1,721,960	12.7	13.0	26.4	12.5
Black					
Total	2,670,660	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	303,170	11.4	6.1 *	9.4 *	12.5
Private or personal matter	147,820	5.5	4.0 *	0.0 *	6.0
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	610,660	22.9	18.7	34.0 *	23.5
Not important enough	90,810	3.4	2.4 *	0.0 *	3.7
Insurance would not cover	63,020	2.4	2.6 *	8.5 *	2.2
Not aware crime occurred until later	151,740	5.7	9.0	0.0 *	5.1
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	214,620	8.0	6.8	0.0 *	8.5
Lack of proof	321,640	12.0	13.8	0.0 *	11.9
Police would not want to be bothered	183,360	6.9	7.3	24.0 *	6.4
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	57,350	2.1	3.9 *	4.8 *	1.7
Fear of reprisal	5,890 *	0.2 *	0.4 *	0.0 *	0.2 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	72,770	2.7	3.7 *	14.7 *	2.3
Other reasons	447,800	16.8	21.2	4.6 *	16.1

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Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
White					
Total	12,274,920	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	1,339,600	10.9	3.7	2.7 *	12.2
Private or personal matter	709,000	5.8	8.0	11.7 *	5.3
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	3,389,670	27.6	25.9	33.1	27.8
Not important enough	357,780	2.9	3.5	2.9 *	2.8
Insurance would not cover	283,980	2.3	2.0	0.0 *	2.4
Not aware crime occurred until later	696,150	5.7	8.8	8.4 *	5.1
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	802,990	6.5	4.5	0.0 *	7.0
Lack of proof	1,316,440	10.7	11.7	12.1 *	10.6
Police would not want to be bothered	909,370	7.4	8.8	11.2 *	7.1
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	362,780	3.0	4.4	2.7 *	2.7
Fear of reprisal	91,630	0.7	0.6 *	0.0 *	0.8
Too inconvenient or time consuming	427,580	3.5	2.8	1.4 *	3.6
Other reasons	1,587,930	12.9	15.2	13.7 *	12.6
Black					
Total	2,133,390	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	220,770	10.3	4.4 *	0.0 *	11.8
Private or personal matter	109,630	5.1	3.6 *	9.5 *	5.3
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	493,530	23.1	13.9	24.3 *	24.9
Not important enough	77,400	3.6	7.7	5.9 *	2.8
Insurance would not cover	26,740	1.3	0.6 *	13.7 *	1.0 *
Not aware crime occurred until later	105,630	5.0	7.2 *	2.9 *	4.6
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	136,930	6.4	6.4 *	0.0 *	6.6
Lack of proof	269,720	12.6	11.8	5.9 *	13.0
Police would not want to be bothered	173,720	8.1	11.3	9.4 *	7.5
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	92,750	4.3	10.8	5.2 *	3.1
Fear of reprisal	10,940 *	0.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.6 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	48,480	2.3	3.3 *	6.6 *	1.9
Other reasons	367,160	17.2	19.0	16.6 *	16.9

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Table 105. Property crimes, 2001:

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Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
White					
Total	11,839,750	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	1,226,310	10.4	5.3	4.4 *	11.2
Private or personal matter	641,190	5.4	6.1	5.9 *	5.3
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	3,060,690	25.9	17.7	23.4	27.1
Not important enough	419,240	3.5	3.8	2.3 *	3.5
Insurance would not cover	288,250	2.4	3.6	3.5 *	2.2
Not aware crime occurred until later	658,010	5.6	8.5	8.9 *	5.1
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	871,100	7.4	6.4	0.0 *	7.6
Lack of proof	1,379,910	11.7	12.2	12.6 *	11.6
Police would not want to be bothered	858,860	7.3	9.7	7.0 *	6.9
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	460,690	3.9	7.4	8.7 *	3.3
Fear of reprisal	111,010	0.9	1.8 *	5.7 *	0.7
Too inconvenient or time consuming	358,540	3.0	3.2	3.5 *	3.0
Other reasons	1,505,950	12.7	14.4	14.0 *	12.4
Black					
Total	1,802,690	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	203,290	11.3	4.0 *	0.0 *	13.3
Private or personal matter	105,170	5.8	8.8	0.0 *	5.3
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	405,890	22.5	15.7	20.3 *	24.2
Not important enough	38,290	2.1	3.1 *	0.0 *	2.0 *
Insurance would not cover	38,520	2.1	2.4 *	0.0 *	2.1
Not aware crime occurred until later	110,510	6.1	11.5	5.0 *	4.9
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	132,970	7.4	4.2 *	0.0 *	8.3
Lack of proof	243,000	13.5	19.3	12.6 *	12.2
Police would not want to be bothered	148,270	8.2	10.8	0.0 *	7.9
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	50,660	2.8	4.6 *	10.6 *	2.2
Fear of reprisal	9,550 *	0.5 *	0.0 *	10.6 *	0.4 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	47,430	2.6	1.8 *	6.4 *	2.7
Other reasons	269,160	14.9	13.8	34.5 *	14.6

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